

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, amendments have been made in the claims, and each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered and is addressed below. The claims as presented are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-21 were previously pending in the application. Claims 3-4, 7, 10, 12-13, 16, and 19 are amended herein. No claims are added or canceled. As a result, Claims 1-21 remain pending for examination, with claims 1, 10, 19, and 21 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 3-4, 7, 12-13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for purportedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Claims 3-4 and 12-13 are rejected because the relationship between “a domain name record” recited by each of these claims and “a domain name record” recited by each respective base claim (i.e., claims 2 and 11) is purportedly unclear. Each of claims 3-4 and 12-13 is amended to recite “the domain name record” to make clear that the limitation refers to the like element in each respective base claim which provides antecedent basis for the amended limitation. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 3-4 and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 16 are rejected because the relationship between “a critical element” and “one or more profiles” recited by each of these claims and “critical elements” and “one or more profiles” recited by each respective base claim (i.e. claims 1 and 16) is purportedly unclear. Each of claims 7 and 16 is amended to recite “one of the critical elements” and “the one or more profiles” to make clear that these limitations refer to like elements in each respective base claim which provide antecedent bases for these limitations. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 880,007 to Gardos, *et al.* (“Gardos”). Applicants disagree and request reconsideration, as claims 1-21 patentably distinguish over Gardos.

A. Brief Overview of Embodiments of the Invention

Embodiments of the invention are shown which provide a system for managing digital vital records (e.g., domain name records). The system includes a series of profiles used to manage “critical elements” of (i.e., various information relating to) the digital vital records (see Applicant’s specification at, e.g., p.6, lines 2-4). The critical elements of a domain name record may include, for example, registrant information (e.g., the name and address of a company), contact information (e.g., the name, physical address and/or email address of an administrative, billing, legal and/or technical contact), and/or domain name server information (e.g., the server(s) corresponding to the domain name through which traffic is routed) (p.7, line 20 – p. 8, line 7).

In some embodiments, a profile is created for each critical element, and specifies information which adheres to an organization’s policies and procedures with respect to the record (p.8, lines 9-11). For example, a profile for the “contact information” critical element for a domain name record may specify a name, physical address, and/or email address of one or more people in an organization who are designated as contacts for the domain name record (p.8, lines 11-15). Specifying one or more contacts for a domain name record reduces the risk that a contact will be erroneously assigned, or that information sent from a domain name registrar will be lost or sent to a person who has left the organization (p.8, lines 16-20).

The foregoing summary is provided to assist the Examiner in appreciating aspects of the invention. However, this summary does not necessarily apply to each of the independent claims, and the language of the independent claims may differ in material respects from the examples described in the summary. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give careful consideration to the language of each of the independent claims and to address each on its own

merits, without relying on the summary provided above. In this respect, Applicants do not rely upon the summary to distinguish any of the claims of the present invention over the prior art, but rather rely only upon the arguments provided below.

B. Claims 1-9

Claim 1 recites a method of managing digital records for an organization. The method comprises, *inter alia*, receiving a request for an action on a digital record, said digital record comprising critical elements; and presenting one or more profiles for at least one of the critical elements, *wherein the one or more profiles instantiate digital record management procedures of the organization*.

Gardos fails to satisfy these limitations of claim 1, as Gardos fails to disclose or suggest presenting one or more profiles for at least one critical element for a digital record, wherein the profile(s) incorporate digital record management procedures of an organization.

The Office Action contends that Gardos satisfies these limitations via Fig. 4A and passages at col. 9, lines 6-8 and col. 10, lines 19-51. This contention is unsupported by the reference.

Fig. 4A depicts a screen interface generated by a domain manager application (col. 9, lines 4-5). The screen interface displays information specific to a domain name registrant, such as the registrant's name and the domain which is currently being reviewed (col. 9, lines 6-9). In the passages cited by the Office Action, Gardos explicitly discloses that a user may employ the interface of Fig. 4A to modify any information relating to a domain name record. For example, a user may modify contact information for the domain name record, as well as address records (which map host names to IP addresses) and canonical name records (col. 10, lines 19-32). When a user selects information to be modified, the system retrieves an appropriate record and guides the user through the process of modifying the information (col. 10, lines 33-37). Thus, rather than "present[ing] one or more profiles for at least one of the critical elements, wherein the one or more profiles instantiate digital record management procedures of an organization" and then "executing the [requested] action based on the selection," as recited by claim 1, the system of Gardos allows a

user to modify any information relating to a domain name record *without regard to any digital record management procedures of an organization*. There is thus no way in Gardos to impose a centralized set of digital record management procedures.

Because Gardos fails to disclose or suggest the totality of limitations of claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Gardos, and the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Gardos should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

C. Claims 10-18

Claim 10 recites a digital record system for managing digital records of an organization, the digital records comprising critical elements. The system comprises, *inter alia*, a memory device having instructions recorded thereon that, when executed, cause the system to, based on a received request for an action on a digital record, display a menu of one or more profiles for at least one of the critical elements, wherein the one or more profiles instantiate digital record management procedures of the organization.

It should be clear from the discussion above relating to claim 1 that the system of Gardos fails to display a menu of one or more profiles which instantiate digital record management procedures of an organization. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Gardos should be withdrawn.

Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

D. Claims 19-20

Claim 19 recites a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to, *inter alia*, in response to a received request for an action on a digital record having a plurality of critical elements, display a menu of one or more

profiles for at least one of the critical elements, wherein the one or more profiles instantiate digital record management procedures of an organization.

It should be apparent from the discussion above relating to claim 1 that Gardos fails to disclose or suggest a computer readable medium which satisfies the limitations of claim 19. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Gardos should be withdrawn.

Claim 20 depends from claim 19 and is allowable for at least the same reasons.

E. Claim 21

Claim 21 recites a system for managing digital records for an organization. The method comprises, *inter alia*, means for receiving a request for an action on a digital record, said digital record comprising critical elements; and means for presenting one or more profiles for at least one of the critical elements, wherein the one or more profiles instantiate digital record management procedures of the organization.

It should be apparent from the discussion above related to claim 1 that Gardos fails to disclose or suggest a system for managing digital records which satisfies the limitations recited by claim 21. Accordingly, claim 21 patentably distinguishes over Gardos, and the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Gardos should be withdrawn.

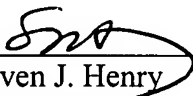
CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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